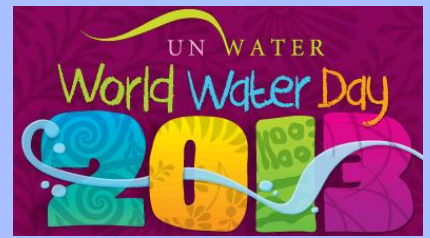




WWD2013 Potomac River Trash

Cleanup Activity, Washington, DC, USA



The Potomac River trash cleanup activity was initiated by the observation of trash along the bank of the river in the Gravelly Point Park area on the North bound George Washington right before the 14th Street Bridge. On a cold afternoon with slight drizzle, the Rivers of the World volunteers conducted this trash cleanup activity. A short report with pictures provided below.

Location: Gravelly point Park, GW Parkway Northbound, Arlington, VA (greater Washington, DC), USA

Date: March 24st , Sunday

Length of the River Bank – 160 meters

Trash volume – 5 bags – 80 Kgs.

See Pictures below.

Total Numbers of volunteers- 5

The event was primarily coordinated by Subijoy Dutta and Dilli Neupane. In addition to the actual cleanup activity, some support works were performed by students not shown in the pictures.



WWD2013 Washington, DC – Trash cleanup site Potomac River bank

The trash cleanup participants for this event were

1. Dr. Bikash Sharma
2. Mr. Dilli Neupane and
3. Mr. Subijoy Dutta

Background support was provided by **Master Ayaan Neupane** (making a poster for the event) and **Mr. Sumit Dutta** (graduate student) on getting the supplies and posters ready within a short notice.

This site had a lot of trash (plastics, cans, bottles, paper and sundry items as shown below. It did not seem to have that much of trash, but going closer to the river bank all of these items were found and cleaned up..



Dr. Bikash Sharma, finishing up his MD in psychiatry noted that it could be of some value to analyze the type of trash we picked up there and see how this could reflect the lifestyle and socio-economic demography of the local community who routinely use this park. We could have an educational and awareness program designed accordingly to make that most effective.

While grabbing the trash from hard-to-access areas having thorny bushes along the shoreline of the river, a number of pictures have been taken by us.



WWD2013 Washington, DC – Hidden Trash cleaned up from the Bank of Potomac River

After the cleanup was over, the local trash collection area provided by the Park service helped us to dispose the trash by using their garbage collection truck. A few pictures from the activity are provided below:



WWD2013 Washington, Dc – Trash cleanup from the Potomac River bank



WWD2013 Washington, DC – Trash cleanup by the participants from the ROW Foundation.



WWD2013 Washington, DC - Potomac River Trash cleanup. Washington Monument on the background



WWD013 Washington, DC - Trash cleanup of the Potomac River bank





From L to R – Dr. Bikash Sharma, Mr. Dilli Neupane, and Mr. Subijoy Dutta on the bank of Potomac River, near Washington, DC, WWD2013..